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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS ON NATO SUMMIT PROPOSALS
FOR CHARGE.

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS ALLIED REACTIONS TO PRELIMINARY US
THINKING ON SUMMIT. NOW THAT RESPONSES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED,
WE ARE IN PROCESS OF SEEKING DECISIONS ON APPROACH
PRESIDENT WILL TAKE AT SUMMIT, AND COMMUNICATE THIS AS
SOON AS POSSIBLE. FYI. YOU ARE AWARE OF THE BACKGROUND
AND RATIONALE FOR OUR DECISION TO CONSULT THE ALLIES VIA
THEIR WASHINGTON EMBASSIES. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WANT TO
REASSURE THE NATO PERMREPS AND THE IS OF OUR RECOGNITION
OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR CONTINUING ROLE. END FYI.

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2. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS, AND, IF YOU DEEM ADVISABLE,
IN PERMREPS LUNCH APRIL 26, YOU SHOULD MAKE POINTS ALONG
FOLLOWING LINES:

----- US BELIEVES NATO SUMMIT CAN BE A VERY PRODUCTIVE
AND BUSINESSLIKE SESSION; WE HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING PRO-
POSALS WHICH WOULD ADDRESS SOME OF THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING

THE ALLIANCE. THESE INCLUDE A COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM OF
FORCE IMPROVMENTS; A LOOK AT THE WAY THE ALLIANCE CARRIES
OUT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS A REVIEW OF
TRENDS IN THE SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE AND IN EAST-

WEST RELATIONS; A PROPOSAL FOR A TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE
ON DEFENSE EQUIPMENT R AND D, PRODUCTION AND PROCUREMENT.
WE ARE NOW CONSIDERING AT HIGHEST LEVEL THE PRECISE
IDEAS THE US WILL PUT FORWARD AT THE SUMMIT. FYI. WE
WILL COMMUNICATE US DECISIONS AS SOON AS AVAILABLE TO
YOU FOR CONVEYING TO PERMREPS. END FYI.

----- WE HAVE GREATLY APPRECIATED WILLINGNESS OF ALLIED
GOVERNMENTS TO GIVE US THEIR EARLY INFORMAL REACTIONS TO
THESE TENTATIVE THOUGHTS, SO THAT WE COULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF
THEIR VIEWS IN FORMULATING THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH. SOME
ALLIES HAVE ALSO NOTED IDEAS WHICH THEY MAY RAISE AT THE
SUMMIT, FOR WHICH WE ARE ALSO GREATLY APPRECIATIVE.

----- THE UNUSUALLY CLOSE AND EARLY CONSULTATIONS WE
HAVE ENGAGED IN, INVOLVING THE PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE SUMMIT, ARE, OF COURSE, A PRELUDE
TO WORK WHICH WILL NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN THE ALLIANCE
IF THE PRESIDENT DECIDES TO PUT FORWARD ANY OF THE ABOVE
IDEAS. MOST IMMEDIATELY, WE MAY NEED TO DECIDE HOW THE
COMMUNIQUE MIGHT REFLECT CONSIDERATION BY HEADS OF
STATE/GOVERNMENT OF THE PROPOSALS. (FYI. US SUGGESTED
LANGUAGE FOR COMMUNIQUE, INCLUDING PORTIONS DIRECTLY
RELATED TO US PROPOSALS, IS SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. END FYI.)
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----- WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SCHEDULE A
SESSION OF DPC PERMREPS PRIOR TO SUMMIT TO CONSIDER
ELEMENTS OF DEFENSE REVIEW. FYI. RE KOMER-STREATOR TELCOM,
DOD WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE AMB. KOMER AVAILABLE TO BRIEF
PERM,EPS. END FYI.)

----- NAC/DPC PERMREPS WILL BE CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING-
THROUGH ON THE PRO OSAL INCLUDING THE EAST-WEST STUDY..
3. FYI. WE ARE LEANING TO SHELVE FOR PRESENT THE
PROPOSALS TO CREATE A SMALL PLANNING STAFF AT NATO. WE
ARE LEANING TOWARD MENTIONING NEED FOR INSERTING INTO
DIALOGUE ON DEFENSE PRODUCTION A VOICE THAT CAN SPEAK TO
COMMON INTERESTS OF ALLIANCE WITHOUT MENTIONING
POSSIBILITY OF AN INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY
PANEL ON DEFENSE EQUIPMENT. END FYI.

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